

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows (a re-typed version is attached as a separate sheet of paper):

--A multi-well plate cover and assembly comprises a lid and a gasket. The lid ~~has~~ integral is formed of a resilient material and configured to apply a compressive spring means for ~~uniformly applying~~ force to the surface of a the gasket to seal the wells in a multi-well plate when the cover is secured to the multi-well plate. The lid has members for mechanical manipulation and for secured attachment to a the multi-well plate.--